

## 1607—JAMESTOWN—1907

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I.  
Where perils lurked, or glory beckoned on,  
There wanted not the following of the brave,  
To venture, dauntless, where a world is won,  
Or else the grand old ocean for a grave.  
But vain the angry sea if heaven ordain  
Her chosen ones to pass the tossing main.

II.  
Ye winds and waves that wanton o'er the deep,  
O'er all the mighty waste from shore to shore,  
Wild winds, and wild, relentless waves that keep  
With feeble man no covenant of yore,  
Ye are ye leashed to bring that wandering band  
With sure provision to the virgin land.

III.  
Thus to the generous haven of these shores;  
Seed of a mighty nation yet to be;  
Anointed hands to fling eternal doors  
Wide for the marching hosts of liberty;  
For lo! the land o'er which their flag unfurled  
Filled all the West and rounded out the world.

IV.  
And yet, unconscious of the splendid part  
To their assigned by destiny or fate,  
Alone who turneth yet the human heart  
Made them the founders of a mighty State,  
Destined forever and a day to be  
The final refuge of humanity.

V.  
Yes, more than refuge, for behold the rise  
Of human progress glorifies the hour,  
And lo! we see beneath our western skies  
That birth anew to knowledge and to power  
Sung by the birds who, since the word began,  
Proclaimed the coming majesty of man.

VI.  
A vivid light illumines the fragile page,—  
A hero rises to eternal fame,—  
A strong, true man, and every coming age  
Shall add its praise to his immortal name.  
And still another scarcely less inspires  
The rhythmic ardor of poetic lyres.

VII.  
Wild flower of the primal wood, thou famed,  
Gentle Diana of the forest glen,  
Like the sweet fragrance of the rose that flamed  
Upon the helmets of heroic men,  
So shall thy name descend to future days,  
And so our reverent hearts proclaim thy praise.

VIII.  
Thus sheltered by the Arbiter on high,  
Who for each noble task appoints the day,  
They fought their fight and laid their armor by,  
They lived their fleeting lives, and passed away;  
And yet behold their mission in the earth,  
To bring the ages to a nobler birth.

IX.  
For, mark ye well, no continent awaits  
Behind yet other sons where we may flee  
Should the conspiracy of evil fates  
Destroy the temple of our liberty.  
No more forever may the world's oppressed  
Find refuge in some undiscovered west.

X.  
Here must we stand and resolutely face  
The final wage of battle for mankind,  
Solve every problem, justify the race,  
And leave the record of its woes behind;  
Meet foul corruption with a noble rage,  
And usher in at length the Golden Age.

XI.  
The cycles of the long, pathetic past  
Present their solemn sequel at our door,  
And in our pregnant times behold at last  
The summing up of all the world before;  
Ring out the call for stalwart men to stand  
The mighty pillars of our native land.

XII.  
Oh! Comrades all, nor North, nor South, nor West,  
Nor pent-up soul, nor narrow partisan,  
But patriots all, the nobles and the best—  
A host, victorious, marching in the van  
Of human hope,—America, arise,  
Create at length the western paradise!

XIII.  
Three hundred years? 'Tis but our rising morn!  
A joy sublime exalts the radiant West!  
Seems but an hour since a word was born,  
An infant world upon her ample breast:  
Let Heaven witness a thousand years arise  
And beckon us to mightier destinies.

XIV.  
Wide as the virgin world, and high as heaven,  
Our hopes expand, our aspirations rise,  
Nor pause nor rest until to us is given  
The glorious measure of our destinies.—  
To stand supreme and peerless in the world  
Until the banners of the stars are furled.

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